THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) In the year 1985-86, India's trade deficit with the EEC was about 35 per cent of our total trade deficit.

(b) and (c) Efforts continue to made to increase Indian exports to EEC countries through various trade promotion measures such as exhibitions, trade fairs, exchange of delegations, etc. apart from special integrated programmes for products and market development. In addition, this matter was also discussed at the 4th session of the Indo-EEC Joint Commission held in Brussels in January, 1987. The EEC shared India's concern at the growing trade deficit and recognised the need to take measure for bringing down the trade gap, including an expanded and integrated trade promotion programme to be undertaken and greater flexibility in the various administrative procedures and regulations affecting India's trade *vis-a-vis* the European community.

Impact of Import Liberalisation Policy

691. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the new policy of import liberalisation has badly affected the indigenous research and development in technology; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up a selective approach in import liberalisation to encourage indigenous research and development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Import policy is under constant review and necessary modifications are made from time to time keeping in view the needs of the economy.

Exports

692. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports of goods to different countries during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the target fixed for the current financial year and;

(c) whether the target is expected to be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No 21.]

(b) The export target fixed for the current financial year 1986-87 is Rs. 12203 crores.

(c) As per the current indications, the target is expected to be achieved.

Insurgent activities in Mizoram, Manipur and other North Eastern States

693. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether insurgents indulged in acts of lawlessness in Mizoram, Manipur and other North Eastern regions in recent months;

(b) whether any plans were drawn up in consultation with the concerned State authorities to combat jointly against their operations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) There have been no insurgent activities in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh (except Tirap District). In Tirap